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PURIFYING CRUDE ACETIC  
ANHYDRIDE AND METHOD OF  
PRODUCING  
POLYOXYTETRAMETHYLENE  
GLYCOL USING ACETIC ANHYDRIDE

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**PETITION FOR FIVE MONTH EXTENSION  
OF TIME (37 C.F.R. 1.136(A))**

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests a five month extension of time to respond to the Office  
Action dated August 12, 2003. The original time for response was set to expire November 12,  
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this  
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Respectfully submitted,

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